

CONSIDERATIONS FOR RESPIRATOR SELECTION IN HEALTHCARE*

	N95 FFR	Surgical N95 FFR	Loose-Fitting PAPR	Elastomeric
Complies with OSHA 1910.134 (RPP Standard)	X	X	X	X
Requires Hazard Evaluation	X	X	X	X
Requires Proper Use Training	X	X	X	X
Requires Fit Testing	X	X		X
Can be used with Sterile Field		X	? [†]	
Can be used for High-Risk Aerosol-Generating Procedures (additional PPE may be required)		X	X	X
Can be used with Facial Hair (that comes in contact with the sealing surface)			X	
Designed for Reuse (can be cleaned/maintained)			X	X
Can be used for Airborne Precautions	X	X	X	X

*These considerations are meant in terms of general use. Stay informed as public health guidance is updated.

[†]Insufficient evidence to support safe use

Source: OSHA/NIOSH Hospital Respiratory Protection Program Toolkit



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